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The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I do not think they belong to any party."

Mr. B. Venkataratnam put a question in Telugu.

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" That has already been answered, Sir. I said that the Government did get a report on the working of the new council."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" May I know who the present chairman is ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Mr. Alexander Wright."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" What was he before he entered this honorary service ? Was he in Government service ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I do not know. I believe he was a contractor."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know if even now the hon. the Minister is not prepared to investigate into the matter once more and find out whether a sufficient opportunity has been given to the new council to put matters right ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I think, Sir, a sufficient opportunity has been given."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The Council will now pass on to the next item."

## UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

### Irrigation

*Estimates and plans for the Kanchalamma tank project.*

142 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state---

(a) whether the detailed estimates and plans are now ready for the Kanchalamma tank project ; and

(b) if so, whether it will be taken up in the next official year ?

A.—(a) Not yet. It is expected that the field work will be completed by the end of August.

(b) Until the estimates and plans have been received and examined, it cannot be said when the project will be taken up.

*Improvement of irrigation facilities in Nellore district.*

143 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what new schemes have been put forward and carried out to improve the irrigation facilities in Nellore district within the last four years and

(b) whether they have any comprehensive list of new works to be undertaken either to improve the existing projects or to bring in new areas under wet cultivation ?

A.—(a) & (b) A statement is laid on the table.[a]

[a] Printed as Appendix X on pages 347–348 infra.

*Survey of the Tungabhadra project.*

144 *Q.*—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to lay on the table a brief history of the progress of the Tungabhadra project investigation ever since the Ceded Districts Irrigation Enquiry Committee Report was published, stating clearly whether the district of Nellore is included in the project as it is at present contemplated?

*A.*—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 1568 delivered on 1st March 1929. The Government have not received any further progress report.

The district of Nellore is not included in the project as at present contemplated.

*Investigation of the Somasila project.*

145 *Q.*—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Somasila project in the Nellore district will be taken up immediately; and

(*b*) to state the quantity of the Pennar water that is running into waste by not taking up this project;

(*c*) what is the extent that will be benefited by the project; and

(*d*) what is the financial aspect of the project?

*A.*—(*a*) There is no such intention.

(*b*) Roughly 100,000 million cubic feet per annum at Nellore on the basis of the average discharges at Sangam for the nine years ending with 1903-04.

(*c*) The Somasila project has not been considered apart from the Tungabhadra project Mr. MacKenzie estimated that about 350,000 acres could be irrigated under the Somasila project with the Pennar water and water from the proposed Tungabhadra reservoir.

(*d*) According to Mr. MacKenzie's estimates the return anticipated would be somewhere between 1·91 per cent and 2·06 per cent on the assumption that the entire Tungabhadra project which was estimated to cost 17 crores was undertaken.

## Education

*Constitution of the Nellore District Secondary Education Board.*

146 *Q.*—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how long the Nellore District Secondary Education Board was not functioning;

(*b*) when the elections were completed; and

(*c*) whether a president has been nominated or elected and when?

*A.*—(*a*) The term of office of the old members of the Board expired on 28th February 1929.

(*b*) The names of new members elected to the Board were notified in the *Fort St. George Gazette* on the 30th April 1929.

(*c*) M.R.Ry. P. Venkatasubba Reddi Garu was elected as president on 20th July 1929.

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## General

*Alleged use of 'facsimile' in official correspondence.*

147 *Q.*—Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether officers serving in any one of the departments, the portfolio of which he holds, had been allowed to use their 'facsimile' instead of signature in their correspondence?

*A.*—No officer in any of my departments has been authorized by Government to use a facsimile stamp to sign his official communications.

## Local Boards

*Construction of bridges over rivers on the trunk roads.*

148 *Q.*—Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have chalked out a policy to carry out the programme of constructing bridges over all rivers on the trunk roads, and if so, what it is;

(*b*) what amounts are going to be allotted every year for that purpose; and

(*c*) whether the question of classifying bridges as important and unimportant has been considered by the Government?

*A.*—The question of drawing up a programme is under consideration.

## Agriculture

*Reports on the working of the Chintaladevi Cattle Farm.*

149 *Q.*—Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether detailed annual reports about the working of the Chintaladevi Cattle Farm are received by the Government regularly; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government have any objection to furnish copies of the last two years to the Members of the Legislative Council?

*A.*—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Sufficient copies are not available for distribution to the hon. Members. Copies of the reports have been supplied to the Legislative Council Library.

## Co-operative Societies

*List of Deputy Registrars of Co-operative Societies selected in* 1929–30.

150 *Q.*—Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to lay on the table a list of Deputy Registrars of Co-operative Societies selected during 1929–30?

*A.*—The following were appointed as Deputy Registrars of Co-operative Societies on the dates noted against their names:—

1. M.R.Ry. G. Viswanatha Chetti Avargal—16th January 1929.
2. ,, C. Narayanan Nayar Avargal—9th April 1929.
3. ,, V. S. Ramaswami Ayyar Avargal—2nd July 1929.

No. 1 was recruited directly to the service and Nos. 2 and 3 promoted from the cadre of Assistant Registrars.